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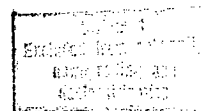
Director of Logistics

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Chief, Printing Services Division, OL

**FBIS Printing Requirements**

1. This memorandum is for your information only.
2. Since our 1 December 1967 memorandum on the above subject, PSD has been working closely with FBIS to determine a course of action which would more adequately meet their current requirements within our manpower limitations.
3. On 22 January 1968, FBIS will discontinue all daily Foreign Press Digests and the two semiweekly Foreign Press Digests. At the same time, the daily publication known as the "White Book" will be shifted from PSD night shift production to day shift production and delayed one day in issuance. This action makes it possible for FBIS to divide the USSR & EE daily book into two books with the capability of expanding the size of both books. This was necessary in order to consolidate material now contained in FDD publications with those of FBIS in line with their current organization. With this arrangement, six daily books will continue to be printed at night and disseminated early the next day as is presently done. While this action results in an increase of 50,000 impressions daily, we are hopeful that it can be accomplished without the continuing use of overtime.
4. While certain benefits do result from the above, it is essential that a strict limitation on the total number of pages produced be continued. The "White Book" printed on the day shift cannot exceed 70 FBIS text pages and the six books printed on the night shift cannot cumulatively exceed 376 FBIS text pages. The number of printed copies of each book must also remain approximately the same as are presently being printed.
5. To improve the Government Printing Office's performance in the production of the "Broadcast Stations of the World," PSD is exploring the possibility of using the GPO Linotron in producing these books. Plans are being drawn up and coordinated with FBIS, the Office of Computer Services, and GPO. The problem has been outlined to GPO, and they are sending a letter of specification indicating the parameters which the Agency must work within to produce these books through the

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Linotron. Once these specifications are received, sample magnetic tapes will be produced by GCS for trial run at GPO. Benefits derived from this approach to the problem are (a) better format of the page and a reduction in total number of pages, and (b) elimination of sub-contracting for printing by GPO with faster inhouse production by GPO. We are confident the next printing of the "Broadcast Stations of the World" will be according to the proposed program.

6. Other elements of the FBIS requirement can be accomplished only with additional personnel. PSD is actively pursuing the possibility of using WAE employees in this program. Should sufficient numbers of personnel of this type be available in the labor market, this may be an acceptable solution to the problem, albeit not nearly as satisfactory as full-time permanent employees.

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